

Statewide Video Franchise Bill Passes Legislature

Tuesday, December 12 2006—The Michigan Senate today passed House Bill 6456, which establishes a statewide video service franchise system. The House concurred in the Senate changes and the bill headed to its next stop, the Governor's desk. The bill had originally been sought by AT&T to facilitate roll out of its video services in Michigan. The proposal went through extensive hearings in the House earlier this year and was passed soon after the legislative session resumed in November. The path in the Senate was brief but equally difficult. The bill was initially referred to the Technology & Energy Committee, which held an intense week of meetings on the bill. The bill was reported out of that committee but referred to a second committee, Government Operations. A work group was created in that committee to craft the bill that ultimately was considered by the full Senate.